

REMARKS

The interview with examiner Patel on June 27, 2006 is acknowledged with appreciation. The examiner's interview summary is accurate as to what transpired at the interview.

The office action rejects claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Faries et al., U.S. Publication Number 2003/0000939. Faries et al. provides switch 160 to turn the heater on and off. A cut-out switch 184 is provided to disable the heater in the event of excessive heater temperature (see paragraph 0042). Faries et al. does not disclose a mechanical switch in parallel with a solid-state switch as recited in claim 7. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

The office action rejects claim 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over D'Antonio et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,634,279) in view of DeVilbiss et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,680,849) or Herrick et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,130,990). D'Antonio discloses providing power to heater 84 to heat and providing power to a separate heater to maintain the temperature. D'Antonio does not teach or suggest a mechanical switch through which electrical power is applied to a heater to increase a temperature of the liquid from an initial temperature toward a target temperature and a solid-state switch through which electrical power is applied to the same heater to maintain the temperature of the liquid as recited in the present claims. D'Antonio does not teach or suggest a solid-state switch in parallel with a mechanical switch as recited in the present claims. DeVilbiss et al. and Herrick et al. do not make up for these deficiencies in D'Antonio.

The office action rejects claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Faries et al., in view of DeVilbiss et al. Claim 8 is dependent on claim 7 and is allowable for at least the reasons noted above with respect to claim 7. Also, Faries et al. teach (paragraph 42) power is disabled if temperature gets too high. That is, "off" is the solution to excess temperature. Cooling is not desirable in Faries et al. and for at least this reason it would not have been obvious to modify Faries et al. by providing cooling. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

New claims 9-22 are provided.

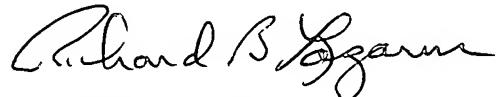
In view of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims (Nos. 1-22) are in condition for allowance and such action is, respectfully, requested.

If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

A check for \$1,150 for three additional independent claims (\$600) and eleven additional dependent claims (\$550) is enclosed.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (27726-99477).

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